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SUBJ: CIVAIR: CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TEHRAN AIRPORT

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1. ON JULY 20, 1976 ADMINISTRATOR OF CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION, DR. ARBABI, TOLD CIVAIR OFFICER THAT GOI HAD BRIEFLY CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED AUSTRALIAN OFFER REPORTED IN REFTTEL FOR JOINT COOPERATION VENTURE ON NEW TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. ARBABI SAID HE HAD INFORMED THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY WITHIN THE PAST WEEK, CITING AS REASON THAT GOI HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TENDERS FOR NEW AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION WILL BE ISSUED TO INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION FIRMS OR SOLELY TO IRANIAN FIRMS.

2. ACCORDING TO ARBABI THE INITIAL CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE NEW TEHRAN SAVEH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WHICH WILL HAVE FIVE TERMINAL BUILDINGS, WILL BE COMPLETED IN 1982. THE PREVIOUS COST ESTIMATES FOR THE PROJECT OF \$150 MILLION HAVE NOW RISEN TO \$1 BILLION. THE IRAN PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION HAS PRESENTLY PLACED A CEILING OF \$859 MILLION ON COST FOR THE AIRPORT PROJECT, BUT ARBABI IS OPTIMISTIC THAT THE REMAINING MONEY WILL BE FOUND IN THE FUTURE. WORK ON THE AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD IS TO BEGIN IN 1977.

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